(b) The Government has initiated a scries of steps to nuke exports comn^rcially viable through upgrading industrial capability, ensuring supply of raw materials atcompsti.ive p;icjs, strengthening infrastructural areas and simplifying the procedures.

Steps to arrest inflation

314. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE b; pleased to state :

(9) what positive steps are being taken by Government to arrest the prevailing inflation in the country; and

(b) what was the value of the present rupee as on 31st December, 1989 with respect to the value at the end ofthe years 1950, 1960, 1970 and 1980?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) The Government has adopted a package of measures to keep prices under chsck. These include, maintaining supplies of essential commodities through public distribution system, augmenting domestic supplies through imports as feasible, exercising strict fiscal and monetary discipline and action against hoarders and black-marketeers.

(b) The requisite information on value of rupee, measured as the reciprocal of the Consumer Price Index (1960-100), is given below:

Period	Value of Rupee
(end December)	**(in** Paise)
1950	121-95
1960 . .	98- 04
1970 .	53-76
1980 .	24- **51**
1989 .	11-59

Cost differences between Pepsi Plant and that of Jagatjit Industries

315. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRl K. V. THANGKABALU: SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the potato chips and snack food plant of Pepsi is costing Rs. 5.52 crores CIF and total project cost Rs. 1842 crore whereas the plant of Jagatjit Industries, NOIDA plant is costing Rs. 1.71 crore CIF and total project cost Rs. 4.04 crores;

(b) what are the capacities of these two plants; and'

(c) what is the reason fcr such a large difference.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OFTHE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) According to the information furnished by M/s.Pepsi Foods Private Limited the cost of potato chips and snack food plant is Rs. 5.52 crores c.i.f. and total project cost is Rs. 18.42 crores . In the case of Jagatjit Industries, NOIDA, plant,the cost of the plant has been indicated as 1.78 crores c.i.f. and the total project cost at Rs. 4.93 crores.

(b) and (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Hotiss.

Issue of blanket permits by **RBI**

316. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the MINISTER of FINANCE be Dleased to state: